

the Chinese government will be looking at the U.S. Government, including the President of the United States, and say, wait a minute, you owe me money. You are going to get off the plane and start telling me what to do? We are lending money to you. We are giving you money. We are giving you money because you mismanaged.

I am smiling while I am saying it, but is a sad testimony to the management of this country, and I think it is very, very important if we say we are patriots, we have to make sure those children, and I was walking around this Capitol today, can have their chest out even further out than I have my chest out being a Member of Congress and being in this country, without having other countries being able to say we own a piece of the American apple pie.

We want to make sure that everyone feels good about what is happening here. But I can tell you right now, we must, not "we should" or "we need to do," we must reverse this chart. We must no longer allow countries, and I am just talking about China, Taiwan, OPEC countries. Who are OPEC countries? They are countries that we have conflicts in right now. Iraq is an OPEC country. We have other countries that are of concern to this country that are OPEC countries.

I filled up my truck just the other day, \$3.07 here in Washington, DC, leave alone other parts of the country. I hate to start getting e-mails about, that was cheap, Congressman.

So you have to think about these issues. We have only been here, we haven't even had 6 months to be able to manage this government, to be able to say let's have the discourse, to be able to say, well, it is important, Members, that we owe the American people the opportunity for a debate.

This is the first time that the President has actually had to negotiate. And we live in a democracy. Some people forgot.

Wait a minute. What do you mean they are sitting down at the White House to talk about the emergency supplemental? That just happened. What is the discussion? Then you have some Members coming down saying, how dare you disagree with the President?

The last time I checked, I was emancipated long ago, and I think it is important when George Washington's face at the top of the Rotunda, as his image looks down to the bottom of the Rotunda where you have a white dot here which is the center of this democracy, Washington, DC, we have to remember there are individuals that died, individuals that are in wheelchairs, that have allowed us to have the kind of platform to be able to have the discussion with the President of the United States and other Members of Congress about emergency supplementals, especially when we are in the fifth year of a conflict with over \$500 billion of U.S. taxpayer money invested.

I have mayors coming to me and saying, Congressman, this is what I need

in my district. Meanwhile, we are sitting here looking at discretionary spending, saying it is not there. We have two wars going on, and the President doesn't want us to ask any questions. Meanwhile, I have cities that have to have an office of accountability to respond to every Federal grant that they get. They have to check off more than the folks in Baghdad have to check off. Something is wrong.

So when we look at these issues, that is the reason why we are on the floor at this time of night, not only sharing with the Members, but also sharing with the American people. Regardless of your party affiliation, you must be concerned and focus on what is happening here in Washington, DC.

Yes, we are all tired, and, yes, we all have other things to do. But while we have this issue of accountability, making sure that we move in a new direction, like the American people have said, I think it is very, very important.

So I came down to the floor, Mr. Speaker, just for a moment, just to share with the Members that you have to pay very, very close attention to the debate and what is taking place.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the leadership for allowing me to have the opportunity to come to the floor. As you know, we always come to the floor, week after week, to share good information with the Members and the American people. It was a pleasure addressing the House.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FATTAH (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today from 3 p.m. and April 19 on account of personal reasons.

Mr. ROHRBACHER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of a family emergency.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PRICE of Georgia) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONAWAY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A Concurrent Resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1132. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, April 20, 2007, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1161. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a copy of a draft bill entitled, "Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments of 2007"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1162. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model ERJ 170 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-25889; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-168-AD; Amendment 39-14902; AD 2007-02-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1163. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-25966; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-149-AD; Amendment 39-14909; AD 2007-02-22] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1164. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 and F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-25219; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-259-AD; Amendment 39-14907; AD